

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Australia) Association
2007 AGM and 5th Anniversary Dinner

- by Bosco Lau

The HKPolyUAA held its 2007 Annual General Meeting and 5th Anniversary Dinner at the Fook Yuen Seafood Restaurant (馥苑海鮮酒樓), Chatswood, Sydney on October 27, 2007. Around 150 association members, their friends and guests attended the dinner function.

The 2007 AGM began at around 6:15pm. Bosco Lau, the 2005/2007 President gave a general report on the Association's activities over the past year, followed by Sarah Chow presenting a Financial Report and an audited account of the Association for the year 2006/2007. After these the election of 2007/2009 Executive Committee members began. It was agreed by all that Bosco Lau would retire from his President position in accordance with the Association's rules, and Daniel Chau would be the new President for 2007/2009. The majority of the 2005/2007 Executive Committee members will remain in the new Committee, and the new Vice President is Tony Tong.

The AGM was adjourned at 6:45pm, dinner and evening programme kicked off at around 7:15pm. The Masters of Ceremony for the evening function were Rigel Tang and Johnson Cheng. The first speaker for the evening was Ms. Lorna Wong, the new Director of the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office. Lorna praised the HKPolyUAA for its contribution in uniting its members with the community and close collaboration with PolyU and communities in Hong Kong. Our main guest from the PolyU, Professor Albert Chan (Vice President, Research Development) then gave a speech about the recent developments of the PolyU. The PolyU is especially proud of its research in the medical and scientific/technological areas, even the China's space exploration programme has adopted some of PolyU's inventions.

Bosco then talked about his feelings about the Association, and urged participants to support fund-raising to aid PolyU development by purchasing raffle tickets for the lucky draw. Bosco wished his successor Daniel could lead the Association to new heights. 6 table prizes were then drawn. Besides table prizes, each participant also received one Lee Kum Kee double soy sauce bottle and a gift item from Shiseido Australia.

As gourmet dinner was served, the programme for the evening continued with a special video clip presentation of several golden songs from 1937 to present, signifying the 70 years history of the PolyU from the beginning days of the HK Trade School. It was followed by a Cantonese song sang by Dr. Anthony Cheung, short congratulatory speeches by Prof. Chan Yiu-Nam and Mrs. Libby Wong, Sarah Chow's talk about the early days in forming the Association, welcoming the new President Daniel Chau and the new Executive Committee, and souvenir presentations to supporters.

There were two fund-raising activities during the evening programme - the first one was the selling of 5 copies of the “花而山” book written by Libby Wong, which had helped to raise \$500; the second and more exciting session is a live auction of two items – a Chinese Painting by Virginia Wong, wife of our member Stanley Lue, and a set of music DVDs offered by Bosco. Several bids were made against the two items, eventually member M.C. Yuen won the Chinese Painting with a final bid of \$1,400 and guests Samuel & Monica Chu won a total set of 13 music DVDs with \$900. With these and the sale of raffle tickets, we have successful raised fund in excess of \$4,000.

Another Chinese Painting by Virginia Wong was presented to Prof. Albert Chan as a souvenir from our Association to the PolyU in celebrating its 70th Anniversary. Virginia in return received a souvenir for her contribution from Prof. Chan.

The most exciting session of the evening was the lucky draw. First of all, several PolyU souvenirs were presented to the winners of the “members only” lucky draw. There were over 25 prizes in the raffle ticket lucky draw with many great prizes including a Sydney to Hong Kong return air ticket sponsored by Virgin Atlantic, a 18K platinum necklace with diamond pendant, two coupons for GPS receiver, a Samsung color laser printer, a HP OfficeJet fax/scanner/printer/copier, a crystal souvenir sponsored by HKETO Sydney, cosmetic sets, food hampers, sunglasses, Sydney photo books, leather passport holders, a set of walkie talkie, etc. The lucky winner for the air ticket went to member Ronnie Chiu, the prize was presented by another “Ronnie” – Roni Trieu of Virgin Atlantic. The evening programme ended at around 10:30pm, all participants enjoyed the evening and left with happy memories of the event.

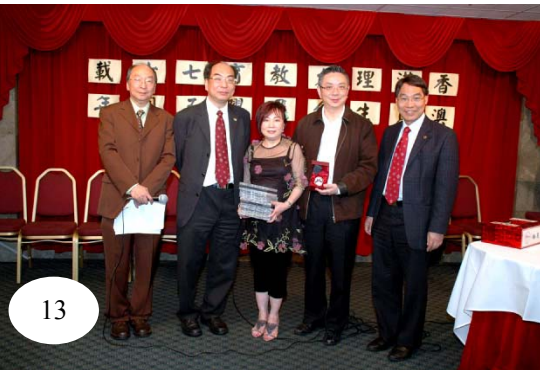


1) Group photo from left: Grace Lee, Alfreda Shun, Cecilia Lau, Libby Wong, Prof. Albert Chan, Bosco, Prof. Chan Yiu-Nam, Mable Chan, Irene Chau, Dr. Anthony Cheung, Daniel Chau; 2) Bosco, Daniel and Sarah addressing the 2007 AGM; 3) Prof. Albert Chan giving a speech; 4) Dr. Anthony Cheung singing Sam Hui’s song “浪子心聲”; 5) Prof. Chan Yiu-Nam gave an interesting talk; 6) Prof. Chan with some of the founding members of the Association from left: Albert Chow, Chan Kit-Man, Sarah Chow and Jenny, wife of the late Michael Cheung; 7) The 5 winning bidders for Libby’s book from left: Peter Lau, Samuel Chu, Mrs. Mable Chan, Daniel Chau and Dr. Anthony Cheung





8) Libby Wong signing the book for Samuel Chu, on 1st left was Lorna Wong, the Director of HKETO Sydney; 9) The new 2007/2009 Executive Committee members with Prof. Albert Chan, Daniel Chau (4th left) and Tony Tong (3rd left) are the new Vice President and new President of the Association respectively; 10) Member M.C. Yuen (2nd left) and wife Sylvia won the Chinese Painting by Virginia in the auction; 11) Guests Samuel & Monica Chu (2nd R 3rd right) won the music DVD set sponsored by Bosco Lau; 12) Ronnie Chiu won the Sydney to HK Return air ticket.



There was a dinner hosted by Prof. Albert Chan on October 26, 2007 at the Zilver Restaurant (同樂軒酒樓) in Sydney Chinatown. 13 executive members and their spouses joined Prof. & Mrs. Chan to enjoy a gourmet dinner. The right photo shows the ladies with a 5Kg king crab.